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1. FOLLOWING IS SUPPLIED FOR RESPONSE TO WATANABE INQUIRY
CONTAINED REFTEL:

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-- PRESIDENT CARTER HAS PLEDGED HIS ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS
TO HALTING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, A STEP WHICH HE BELIEVES
WILL LEAD US FURTHER TOWARD THE ULTIMATE GOAL WHICH HE SET
FORTH IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS--ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAP-
ONS. WE KNOW THAT JAPAN SHARES THIS GOAL.

-- THE US REALIZES THAT ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS A

LONG RANGE GOAL AND PROGRESS TOWARDS IT WILL REQUIRE NEW EFFORTS OF COOPERATION AMONG THE WORLD'S NATIONS. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WILL HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN DEVELOPING APPROACHES AND INITIATIVES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY OF ALL STATES, NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR, AS WE PROCEED TOWARD THIS GOAL. IN OUR VIEW, THE FORTHCOMING UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE MANY PROBLEMS AND

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES, INCLUDING NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION.

-- THE US CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT ALLEVIATION OF LEGITIMATE SECURITY CONCERNS OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. WE HAVE TRIED TO PROMOTE THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES IN A VARIETY OF WAYS: E.G., EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN SOLVING REGIONAL CONFLICTS, ENCOURAGEMENT OF REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS (AS EVIDENCED BY US SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOL II OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO) AND THE PROVISION OF POSITIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES SUCH AS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 255. WE HAVE NOT THUS FAR BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE ASSURANCES ON THE NON-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT YET DISCOVERED ANY FORMULATION THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE VARIED SECURITY NEEDS OF NON-NUCLEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEAPON STATES, INCLUDING OUR ALLIES. HOWEVER, WE ARE OF COURSE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES WHICH WOULD HELP STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THOSE STATES PROVIDED THAT SUCH ASSURANCES DID NOT ADVERSELY EFFECT EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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